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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CAR RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND PRC

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1. WE NOTE IN REFTTEL THAT CAR FONMIN HAS INDICATED DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PRC AND NORTH KOREA MAY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. SHOULD APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISE TO COMMENT ON SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING.

2. USG UNDERSTANDS DESIRE OF MANY COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA UNDER PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. MOREOVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN LONG RUN IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BRING NORTH KOREA INTO MORE REASONABLE
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ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FULL MEMBERSHIP

IN UNGA ALONG WITH ROK, AS ROK HAS PROPOSED (BUT NORTH OPPOSES). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAN PARTIES BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATE CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND RESOLUTION OF KOREAN ISSUES BY KOREANS. ROKG HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NECESSITY AND PRESIDENT PARK IN JUNE 1973 PUBLICLY EXPRESSED INTENTION TO DEAL WITH ALL

COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY.

3. IN CONTRAST, HOWEVER, NK HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO RESTRICT ACTION BY HER FRIENDS AND ALLIES TOWARD DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE ROK, AS RESULT OF WHICH SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN TOWARD RECOGNITION OF NORTH WITH NO CORRESPONDING RECIPROCITY BY ALLIES OF NK. ALTHOUGH APPROACHES BY FRIENDS OF ROKG HAVE BEEN MADE TO BLOC COUNTRIES, NONE HAS YET AGREED TO RECOGNIZE THE SOUTH. ACCORDINGLY, CAR COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO CONCEPT OF EQUAL TREATMENT BY ADOPTING POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH NORTH ONLY AS PART OF PARALLEL MOVE BY FRIENDS OF NORTH TOWARD ROK.

4. FYI: WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE EFFECT OF CAR RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA ON THEIR SUPPORT FOR US/ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO WEIGH IN MORE HEAVILY IF THERE APPEARS TO BE LIKELIHOOD OF MAJOR SHIFT IN CAR POLICY ON KOREA AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS. END FYI.

5. ON QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR REPUBLIC OF CHINA, USG POLICY IS TO AVOID ANY EFFORT TO INFLUENCE DECISION OF THIRD COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH CAR OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

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